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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Page 1, before line 7, insert the following text:**

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Ser. No. 10/217,771, filed Aug. 13, 2002, which is a divisional of U.S. Ser. No. 09/582,513, filed Aug. 7, 2000, which is the National Stage of International application No. PCT/IB99/00617, filed April 8, 1999, which claims the benefit of provisional U.S. application Ser. No. 60/083,556, filed April 29, 1998.--

**Replace paragraph at page 1, lines 7-22 with the following amended paragraph:**

This invention relates to aryl fused azapolycyclic compounds, as defined more specifically by formula I below. Compounds of formula I bind to neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine specific receptor sites and are useful in modulating cholinergic function. Such compounds are useful in the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (including but not limited to ulcerative colitis, pyoderma gangrenosum and Crohn's disease), irritable bowel syndrome, spastic dystonia, chronic pain, acute pain, celiac sprue, pouchitis, vasoconstriction, anxiety, panic disorder, depression, bipolar disorder, autism, sleep disorders, jet lag, [amyotrophic] amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), cognitive dysfunction, hypertension, bulimia, anorexia, obesity, cardiac [~~arrhythmias~~] arrhythmias,

gastric acid hypersecretion, ulcers, pheochromocytoma, progressive [~~supramuscular~~] supranuclear palsy, chemical dependencies and addictions (e.g., dependencies on, or addictions to nicotine (and/or tobacco products), alcohol, benzodiazepines, [~~barbituates~~] barbiturates, opioids or cocaine), headache, stroke, traumatic brain injury (TBI), obsessive-compulsive disorder, psychosis, Huntington's Chorea, tardive dyskinesia, hyperkinesia, dyslexia, schizophrenia, multi-infarct dementia, age related cognitive decline, epilepsy, including petit mal absence epilepsy, senile dementia of the Alzheimer's type (AD), Parkinson's disease (PD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and Tourette's Syndrome.

**Replace the two paragraphs at page 8, lines 31 to page 9, line 24 with the following amended paragraphs:**

The present invention also relates to a method of treating a disorder or condition selected from inflammatory bowel disease (including but not limited to ulcerative colitis, pyoderma gangrenosum and Crohn's disease), irritable bowel syndrome, spastic dystonia, chronic pain, acute pain, celiac sprue, pouchitis, vasoconstriction, anxiety, panic disorder, depression, bipolar disorder, autism, sleep disorders, jet lag, [~~amylotropic~~] amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), cognitive dysfunction, hypertension, bulimia, anorexia, obesity, cardiac [~~arrhythmias~~] arrhythmias , gastric acid hypersecretion, ulcers, pheochromocytoma, progressive [~~supramuscular~~] supranuclear palsy, chemical dependencies and addictions (e.g., dependencies on, or addictions to nicotine (and/or tobacco products), alcohol, benzodiazepines, [~~barbituates~~] barbiturates, opioids or cocaine), headache, stroke, traumatic brain injury (TBI), obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), psychosis, Huntington's Chorea, tardive dyskinesia, hyperkinesia, dyslexia, schizophrenia, multi-infarct dementia, age related cognitive decline, epilepsy, including petit mal absence epilepsy, senile dementia of the Alzheimer's type (AD), Parkinson's disease (PD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and Tourette's Syndrome in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is effective in treating such disorder or condition.

The present invention also relates to a pharmaceutical composition for treating a disorder or condition selected from inflammatory bowel disease (including but not limited to ulcerative colitis, pyoderma gangrenosum and Crohn's disease), irritable bowel syndrome, spastic dystonia, chronic pain, acute pain, celiac sprue, pouchitis, vasoconstriction, anxiety, panic disorder, depression, bipolar disorder, autism, sleep disorders, jet lag, [~~amyotrope~~] amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), cognitive dysfunction, hypertension, bulimia, anorexia, obesity, cardiac [~~arrhythmias~~] arrhythmias, gastric acid hypersecretion, ulcers, pheochromocytoma, progressive [~~supramuscular~~] supranuclear palsy, chemical dependencies and addictions (e.g., dependencies on, or addictions to nicotine (and/or tobacco products), alcohol, benzodiazepines, [~~barbituates~~] barbiturates, opioids or cocaine), headache, stroke, traumatic brain injury (TBI), obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), psychosis, Huntington's Chorea, tardive dyskinesia, hyperkinesia, dyslexia, schizophrenia, multi-infarct dementia, age related cognitive decline, epilepsy, including petit mal absence epilepsy, senile dementia of the Alzheimer's type (AD), Parkinson's disease (PD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and Tourette's Syndrome in a mammal, comprising an amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

# **IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Add new claims 13 and 14:**

13. (New) A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of

11-Azatricyclo[7.3.1.0<sup>2,7</sup>]trideca-2(7),3,5-triene-5-carbonitrile;

11-Azatricyclo[7.3.1.0<sup>2,7</sup>]trideca-2(7),3,5-triene-4-carbonitrile;

1-[11-Azatricyclo[7.3.1.0<sup>2,7</sup>]trideca-2(7),3,5-trien-5-yl]-1-ethanone;

1-[11-Azatricyclo[7.3.1.0<sup>2,7</sup>]trideca-2(7),3,5-trien-5-yl]-1-propanone;

4-Fluoro-11-azatricyclo[7.3.1.0<sup>2,7</sup>]trideca-2(7),3,5-triene-5-carbonitrile;

5-Fluoro-11-azatricyclo[7.3.1.0<sup>2,7</sup>]trideca-2(7),3,5-triene-4-carbonitrile;

1-[11-Azatricyclo[7.3.1.0<sup>2,7</sup>]trideca-2(7),3,5-trien-4-yl]-1-ethanone;